

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): An ink cartridge for a recording apparatus, comprising:
an ink supply port;
a chamber containing therein pigment ink, the chamber being at least in part defined by a film member;
a flow passage, through which the pigment ink contained in the chamber can flow into the ink supply port; and
a rigid member to which the film member is attached, the rigid member having a
rigid wall partitioning the chamber from the flow passage, the rigid wall having a first through
hole and a second through hole, both passing through the rigid wall, which are respectively located at upper and lower positions in a gravity direction when the ink cartridge is mounted to the recording apparatus, each of the first and second through holes serving as an inlet for the pigment ink from the chamber to the flow passage.

8. (currently amended): An ink cartridge for a recording apparatus, comprising:

an ink supply port;

a chamber containing therein pigment ink, the chamber being at least in part defined by a film member; and

a flow passage for communicating the chamber with the ink supply port; and

a rigid member to which the film member is attached, the rigid member having a rigid wall,

wherein the flow passage has such a flow passage first and second communication ports, both passing through the rigid wall, for causing the pigment ink in a lower area in the chamber and the pigment ink in an upper area in the same chamber to flow and merge with each other.

9. (currently amended): The ink cartridge according to claim 28, further comprising wherein:

a the rigid wall partitioning partitions the chamber from the flow passage, and

wherein the flow passage includes the first and second communication ports formed through the partition wall, and are respectively located at upper and lower positions of the rigid wall in a gravity direction when the ink cartridge is mounted to the recording apparatus.